

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A M method for billing a communications link (~~KV~~) ~~that is established via the an~~ Internet (~~INET~~) between a first communications terminal (~~KEG~~) and a mobile target communications terminal (~~ZKEG~~) of a packet-oriented mobile radio network (~~MFN~~), ~~wherein~~ comprising:

routing a set-up message (~~AF~~) relating to the first communications link (~~KV~~) ~~is routed~~ by the first communications terminal (~~KEG~~) via the Internet (~~INET~~) to a network node (~~GW~~) of the mobile radio network (~~MFN~~), the network node (~~GW~~) ~~determines~~ determining a call charge computer (~~GS1, GS2, GS3~~), wherein charge payment data relating to the first communications terminal (~~KEG~~) are stored (~~M1~~);

transmitting a charge request (~~GA~~) relating to the communications link (~~KV~~) ~~is transmitted~~ by the network node (~~GW~~) to the call charge computer (~~GS1, GS2, GS3~~);

performing a check ~~is carried out~~ by the call charge computer (~~GS1, GS2, GS3~~), as to whether the charges relating to the communications link (~~KV~~) at the mobile radio network end are being borne at the communications terminal (~~KEG~~) end; and

sending a response message (~~AN~~), ~~containing including the a~~ result of ~~said the~~ check, is sent to the network node (~~GW~~) by the call charge computer (~~GS1, GS2, GS3~~), wherein

if there is a positive result for ~~said the~~ check in the mobile radio network (~~MFN~~), the communications link (~~KV~~) to the target communications terminal (~~ZKEG~~) is established, or if there is a negative result for ~~said the~~ check in the mobile radio network (~~MFN~~), the establishment of the communications link (~~KV~~) is aborted.

2. (Currently amended) The M method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a link node (~~GW~~) connecting the Internet (~~INET~~) to the mobile radio network (~~MFN~~) is used as a network node.

3. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein an element ~~(GW)~~ of a data packet control system ~~(IMS)~~ that controls the establishment of the link is used as a network node.

4. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to one of the preceding Claims claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ is linked to the Internet ~~(INET)~~ via an Internet access network ~~(ISP)~~.

5. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 4, characterized in that wherein a network computer ~~(GS1)~~ of the Internet access network ~~(ISP)~~ is used as a call charge computer.

6. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein a network computer ~~(GS3)~~ of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~ is used as a call charge computer.

7. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein an Internet computer ~~(GS2)~~ of the Internet ~~(INET)~~ is used as a call charge computer.

8. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to one of the preceding Claims claim 1, ~~characterized in that by means of~~ wherein via the response message ~~(AN)~~, information is sent to the network node ~~(GW)~~ stating that all the charges that are incurred in relation to the communications link ~~(KV)~~ are being borne at the first communications terminal end ~~(KEG)~~, call charge data relating to said the charges are recorded ~~(M1)~~ in the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~, and a charge payment is effected by an operator of the communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ to an operator of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~.

9. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that wherein

information is transmitted, by means of the response message ~~(AN)~~, to the network node ~~(GW)~~ stating that the charges incurred with respect to the communications link ~~(KV)~~ are being borne at the first communications terminal end ~~(KEG)~~ up to a pre-selected maximum level;

call charge data relating to ~~said the~~ charges are recorded ~~(M1)~~ in the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~, and

a charge payment is effected via the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~ by an operator of the communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ to an operator of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~.

10. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the communications link ~~(KV)~~ is terminated if a charge level recorded with the call charge data reaches the maximum level.

11. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that as soon as~~ wherein when a charge level recorded with the call charge data reaches the maximum level, an additional charge payment is effected and henceforth a fresh recording ~~(M1)~~ of the call charge data, starting at the zero charge level is effected.

12. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that by means of~~ wherein via the response message ~~(AN)~~, information is transmitted to the network node ~~(GW)~~ stating that a proportion of the charges that are incurred in relation to the communications link ~~(KV)~~ are being borne at the first communications terminal end ~~(KEG)~~, call charge data relating to ~~said the~~ proportion of the charges are recorded ~~(M1)~~ in the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~, and that a charge payment to an operator of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~ is effected by an operator of the communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ through the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~.

13. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~any of Claims 8 to 12, characterized in that~~ wherein further call charge data are recorded in a memory ~~(M2)~~ of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~, ~~in order~~ to check charge payment procedures during the call charge payment that has been

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effected by comparing the call charge data recorded ~~(M1)~~ in the call charge computer with the further call charge data recorded in the memory ~~(M2)~~ of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~.

14. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~any of Claims 8 to 13, characterized in that~~ wherein during the call charge payment that has been effected, the call charges are divided between the operator of the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~ and the operator of the mobile radio network ~~(MFN)~~.

15. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to ~~any of the preceding Claims, characterized in that, claim 1, wherein~~

before the response message ~~(AN)~~ is transmitted by the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~, the transmission to the first communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ of an information message ~~(IN)~~ relating to the call charges is effected,

the receipt of the information message ~~(IN)~~ is confirmed by means of a confirmation message ~~(BN)~~ issued by the first communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~, and

_____ after ~~said the~~ confirmation message ~~(BN)~~ has been received, the response message ~~(AN)~~ is transmitted to the network node ~~(GW)~~ by the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~.

16. (Currently amended) The Mmethod according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

a proceed-to-dial relating to the call charges is transmitted to the first communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ together with the information message ~~(IN)~~, and

a selection is made by the first communications terminal ~~(KEG)~~ in response to the proceed-to-dial, and information relating to the selection that has been made is transmitted by means of the confirmation message ~~(BN)~~ to the call charge computer ~~(GS1, GS2, GS3)~~.